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1. The Partido Libertador (PL), anti-Communist party, has been gaining in strength throughout Brazil in recent months and, in spite of its present small membership, may eventually attain political significance. Because of the rapid expansion of Communism, an increasing number of conservatives are joining this party, as they believe that the parliamentary system of control advocated by the PL is the only salvation for the country.
2. There are indications, likewise, that other parties will support the PL. For example, in Rio Grande do Sul, home state of the PL, the Partido Trabalhista Brasileiro (PTB) is threatening to split into two wings, one of which would join the PL, thus giving the latter an additional five or six members in the Legislative Assembly. The Partido Republicano there is said to be showing signs also of favoring the PL's parliamentary idea.
3. The PL in the State of Rio de Janeiro, however, has been successfully infiltrated by Communists, who gained sufficient control to run their own candidate, Yeddo Fuiza, in the municipal elections. Because of this, Raul Pilla, leader of the PL and its one member in the National Chamber of Deputies, is presenting a petition to the Superior Electoral Tribunal to have the PL's charter suspended in the State, with a view to its re-organization later without the Communist element.
4. The PL is believed to have considerable financial backing, as illustrated by the fact that in a recent campaign in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, it raised nearly Cr\$300,000,00 (approximately US \$40,000.) in one day.

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